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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 1292

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MILL, EL, SY
SUBJ: KHADDAM DISCUSSED ADF FUTURE IN LEBANON

REF: A) DAMASCUS 953 B) DAMASCUS 996

1. IN MARCH 5 MEETING WITH FONMIN KHADDAM, I ASKED IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS ON LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OUR MID-FEBRUARY REVIEW OF SITUATION (REFTELS). IN PARTICULAR, COULD HE COMMENT ON THINKING ABOUT RENEWAL OF ADF MANDATE. KHADDAM REPLIED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LEBANESE FONMIN BUTROS DURING HIS FEB 28-MAR 1 VISIT TO DAMASCUS. "THE DECISION ON RENEWAL WILL BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES PREFAILING AT THE TIME RENEWAL COMES UP AS WELL AS IN LIGHT OF SARKIS' INTEREST IN RENEWAL."

2. ASKED IF HE ASSUMED A FORMULA FOR RENEWAL WOULD BE
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FOUND, KHADDAM INDICATED CIRCUITOUSLY IT WOULD BE. PREFACING HIS REMARKS WITH COMMENT THAT "SYRIA WAS NOT VARY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EXTENSION," KHADDAM ASSERTED THAT "HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE NECESSITY TO BACK SARKIS AND SYRIA'S APPREHENSION THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE ADF WOULD CAUSE AN IMMEDIATE RETURN TO HOSTILITIES, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO TAKE A DECISION ABOUT

THE ADF WHICH WOULD HAVE SURPRISED MANY."

3. COMMENT: ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THE ADF, OR AT LEAST THE SYRIAN COMPONENT THEREOF, WILL STAY IN LEBANON AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PRESENT MANDATE NEXT MONTH.

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